

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/664,789

Applicant(s)

ATALLAH ET AL.

Examiner

ANH PHUNG

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.


1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
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- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 12/10/03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Search History.

  
**ANH PHUNG**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

### DETAILED ACTION

1. In response to the U.S. Application Ser. No. 10/664,789 filed on September 17, 2003, claims **1-22** are pending in the application.

#### *Information Disclosure Statement*

2. This office acknowledges receipt of the following items from the Applicant:  
Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed December 10, 2003.  
Information disclosed and listed on PTO 1449 was considered.

#### *Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance*

3. Claims **1-22** are allowed.

Keller et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,687,789), Matsuyama (U.S. Pat. No. 6,412,059), Farmwald et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,314,051) and Collins (U.S. Pat. No. 5,848,428) disclose a random access memory device similar to that of the present application, but fail to teach:

"a controller coupled to at least a portion of the sense amplifiers, the controller being configurable for selectively operating in at least one of a first mode and a second mode, wherein in the first mode the controller enables one of the sense amplifiers corresponding to the input address and disables the sense amplifiers not corresponding to the input address, and in the second mode the controller enables substantially all of the sense amplifiers" as claimed in the independent claims **1** and **22**; or

"at least one decoder operatively coupled to the memory cells in the data RAM circuit, the at least one decoder being configurable for receiving the input address and for accessing one or more of the memory cells in response thereto; a plurality of sense

amplifiers operatively coupled to the memory cells in the data RAM circuit, the sense amplifiers being configurable for determining a logical state of one or more of the memory cells; and a controller coupled to at least a portion of the sense amplifiers, the controller being configurable for selectively adapting a latency of the cache memory circuit" as claimed in the independent claim 14.

Any comments considered necessary by applicants must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

#### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **ANH PHUNG** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-1883**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **RICHARD ELMS**, can be reached on **(571) 272-1869**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **(703) 872-9306**.

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**ANH PHUNG  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**